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JIDDA FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOOSE FROM YOUNG

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PDEV RH SF WA

SUBJ: NAMIBIA-RHODESIA: PIK BOTHA DEMARCHE

REF: CAPE TOWN 590

1. SUMMARY: REPORT THAT AMBASSADOR YOUNG HAD SAID

THE U.S. WOULD FURNISH ARMS TO MOZAMBIQUE,

BOTSWANA, ANGOLA AND ZAMBIA IS INCORRECT. DND

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2. DURING PRESS CONFERENCE AT LUSAKA AIRPORT AFTER ABRIVAL

FROM DAR MARCH 22, AMBASSADOR YOUNG WAS ASKED, "IF PRESIDENT

KAUNDA OR ZAMBIA DID APPROACH YOU TO ASK FOR UNITED STATES

ASSISTANCE IN ORDER TO HIT BACK AT RHODESIA (IF RHODESIAN

ARMY MADE FURTHER ATTACKS ON ZAMBIA), WOULD THE UNITED STATES

CONSIDER THIS REQUEST FROM ZAMBIA?"

3. IN RESPONSE, YOUNG SAID: "I THINK U.S. POLICY TOWARD ARMS TRANSFERS ALL OVER THE WORLD IS ESSENTIALLY TO TRY TO CONFINE OUR ARMS TO WEAPONS THAT WOULD BE STRICTLY DEFENSIVE AND OUR AID TO AID THAT IS ESSENTIALLY HUMANITARIAN, AND I THINK THAT WE HAVE BEEN OPEN TO REQUESTS FROM ZAMBIA IN THOSE CATEGORIES. BUT I DON'T THINK WE HAVE RECEIVED ANY REQUEST FOR MILITARY ASSISTANCE FROM ZAMBIA."

4. IN INTERVIEW WITH A ZAMBIA DAILY MAIL REPORTER MARCH 23, THE REPORTER ASKED AMBASSADOR YOUNG ESSENTIALLY THE SAME QUESTION AND RECEIVED THE SAME ANSWER. YOUNG WENT ON TO DESCRIBE

PROJECTED U.S. ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO ZAMBIA IN PARTICULAR AND OBJECTIVER OF OUR ECONOMIC AID TO SOUTHERN AFRICA.

4. HOWEVER, IN ARTICLE WHICH APPEARED IN DAILY MAIL MARCH PWRN THE AMBASSADOR'S COMMENT ABOUT A POSSIBLE REQUEST FROM ZAMBIA FOR MILITARY ASSISTANCE AND HIS REMARKS ABOUT ECONOMIC AID WERE LUMPED TOGETHER INACCURATELY.

5. COMMENT: ZAMBIAN HYSTERIA OVER RHODESIAN RAIDS IS VERY MUCH ON THE MINDS OF GOV. OF ZAMBIA AS WELL AS PRESS AND GENERAL PUBLIC. MY COMMENTS WERE AN ATTEMPT TO CALM THIS FEELING AND ENCOURAGE ZAMBIAN RESISTANCE TO OFFERS OF CUBAN AND

RUSSIAN MILITARY ASSISTANCE.  
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